

REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003, Applicants have amended claim 1, cancelled claim 2, and added new claims 39-58. Claims 1 and 3-58 are presented for examination.

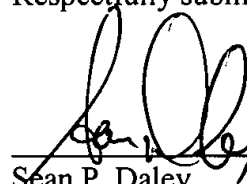
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5 and 11-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), but the Examiner stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 2. Claims 3-5 and 11-23 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-5 and 11-23.

The Examiner also indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants added new claim 39, which is an independent claim corresponding to previously pending claim 6. New claims 40-58 depend from claim 39. Therefore, Applicants request allowance of new claims 39-58.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 24-38 are in condition for allowance. Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Enclosed is a check to cover the fees associated with the new claims. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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